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## Administrators hold fee forum

### Students speak out about increase

By Lauren Bosch  
Daily Staff Writer

Communication continued between faculty members, students and administration about the proposed fee increase for the Instructionally Related Activities fee Thursday, as more than 30 students and professors listened as President Don Kassing and athletics director Tom Bowen of San Jose State University proposed the idea.

The plan, which requires a \$65 fee increase for students per semester, will allocate funds to several areas of the university, primarily academics, student life programs and athletics. Small amounts would go toward intramural sports and a temporary fund directed at improving intramural facilities. The plan is to have a shared governance among three groups — student fees, state support and athletic revenue.

"In my opinion we're very much a shared governance," Kassing said. "We've reached out and found good, solid support from several different groups."

Mixed feelings arose, however, as those in attendance at the open forum for students agreed and disagreed with the proposed increase. Reasons ranged from too many increases in the fall semester to not enough money invested in academics and too much focus on programs not benefiting the majority of the university.

"Thirty-four percent of these



Zach Beecher / Daily Staff

President Don Kassing speaks Thursday in the Loma Prieta room of the Student Union to an open forum of San Jose State University students. Mike Stevenson, a senior majoring in African American studies, asks whether this increase in student fees will cease.

fees are going to academics. That's an 'I,'" said Mike Stevenson, a senior majoring in African American studies, and a past member of the football team.

The breakdown of the fees will be spread out among a three-year period of time. In the first year,

2005-06, students will see \$4 from each student, or \$232,000 total in a year, toward intramural sports and the supplying of equipment, referees and other items. Also on the agenda to receive money is the academic side of the university, which will receive \$38 a semester

from each student, giving upward of \$2.2 million within three years, something that will remain constant once implemented, Kassing said.

Athletics will also remain constant, adding \$23 to the \$12.75 they currently receive each semester

from students. The addition will add \$1.4 million to the budget, also freeing up additional money in the general fund, Kassing said.

By the end of the week, between 10 and 12 groups will have been

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## New dean announced College of Business fills position

Daily Staff Report

San Jose State University's College of Business will begin the fall semester with a new, permanent dean, according to a campus press release.

The release, written by interim Provost Carmen Sigler, states Bruce Magid, who has worked as the executive director of Michigan

State University Global for the past five years, will take over his new position July 1.

Michigan State University Global is a "post secondary education business unit that develops, markets, distributes and manages degree and professional development programs for working professionals and adult learners," the release states.

"We are delighted with the appointment of Dr. Magid to this

very important administrative position and wish him the best in his pursuits on campus and in the community," Sigler wrote in the press release.

Magid worked at Bank of America for almost 20 years and also served as an adviser to the Minister of Planning in Venezuela, according to the release.

Magid was chosen after "an extensive national search," the release states.

## Professor named association exec

By Ashley Little  
Daily Staff Writer

San Jose State University psychology professor Bob Pellegrini was elected president of the Western Psychological Association in April. He is one of only two California State University faculty members ever elected.

"I'm very pleased to be one of only two presidents in the 84-year history of this association, who has begun and ended his career as a faculty member at a CSU campus," Pellegrini said. "I recognize and welcome my responsibility to represent all members of this association, but I'm especially eager to showcase the wonderful work being done in virtually every aspect of our discipline by CSU faculty and students."

The WPA, first established in 1921, "was founded for the purpose of stimulating the exchange of scientific and professional ideas and, in doing so, to enhance interest in the processes of research and scholarship in the behavioral sciences," according to the WPA Web site. This association is open for students and faculty members who have the same goals as the WPA.

He has been part of the psychology faculty at SJSU for 38 years and has served as department chair for four years. Retiring in 2004, Pellegrini switched to teaching introductory psychology and

continued his research on human development with emphasis on identity formation and spirituality in personal health and growth, Pellegrini said.

Pellegrini's background is in developmental, social and clinical psychology. He has been awarded local, regional and national awards, including SJSU's Outstanding Professor Award and WPA's Outstanding Teacher Award. Along with the many awards, Pellegrini has also written two books, "Psychology for Correctional Education: Facilitating Human Development in Prison and Court School Settings," and "Between Fathers and Sons: Critical Incident Narratives in the Development of Men's Lives."

"I never very much looked forward to sitting on my retirement porch, in my retirement chair connecting liver spots on the back of my retired hands with a sharpie pen," Pellegrini said. "I chose my career path because I wanted to do more than just make a living. I wanted to make a difference."

He had no attention of running for the WPA presidency position, but agreed to after much encouragement by the WPA Executive Board, Pellegrini said.

He was surprised the members of the second largest regional organization even knew he still existed,

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## CSU trustee speaks to public policy class

By Aimee Threet  
Daily Staff Writer

College students may often wonder what a job is like in their respective majors or how all the subjects their professors lecture on apply to life in general.

Students in Larry Gerston's Wednesday afternoon Public Policy class have had such a chance with regular guest lecturer Robert Foster.

Foster is the president of Southern California Edison and a San Jose State University alumnus with a degree in public administration in 1969. He now serves on the California State University Board of Trustees.

Foster has been involved in the field of energy for the past 25

years. One of his first duties was to serve as the deputy director of the California State Energy Resources Conservation Commission and also as chief consultant to the California State Senate Committee on Energy and Public Utilities. Before becoming president of Southern California Edison, Foster owned and operated his own public policy and consulting firm.

Foster said he and Gerston met up last year at an event where he learned that Gerston was lecturing on the topics of energy, the California energy crisis and the fallout of the Enron scandal. The scandal came about after Enron admitted to reporting false profits in the company record books. The scandal involved several banks and



Lorry Thomas / Daily Staff

Robert G. Foster, president of Southern California Edison and a San Jose State University alumnus, lectures to Larry Gerston's Public Policy class Wednesday. Foster talked about various issues, including Enron and the hydrogen fuel debate.

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## VIEW FROM THE EAST

# Painting the college years by the numbers

Numbers. I hate them with an exquisite passion. I'm allergic to math, which is why I detest numbers so.

It's funny how some are so meaningful though, such as age, weight and height.

Here's a look at my college career through a few select numbers.

### One ...

... year volunteering as "Miss Ling-Mei" at a Chinese school. I found that I love children, but I suffered massive headaches after spending eight hours on my feet. The year I spent at the Chinese school helped cement my decision to go into journalism instead of teaching.

### Two ...

... newspapers. My first newspaper ever was La Voz in De Anza College. I then transferred to San Jose State University and joined the Spartan Daily.

From my college newspaper experience, I learned so much more than writing, editing and procrastinat-

ing on deadlines.

I had unbelievable camaraderie with my fellow staff members at both newspapers.

To all my writers, editors and advisers, you have taught me so much. I will remember you for touching my life.

The criticism, the tears and the laughter have made me the person and journalist I am.

For the corny jokes, the sympathetic sighs when computers died and the completely off-the-wall conversations late at night, thanks.

### Three ...

... members of my nuclear family. My mom and dad have loved me unconditionally and have let me pursue my decidedly unprofitable dream of journalism. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart.

The Holy Trinity. The Father, Son and Spirit.

The three PDAs I've gone through during college. The first died after I got apple juice in it, the second

no longer senses the tapping of the stylus and the third came to me for free.

These reasons make three my favorite number.

### 3.5 ...



LING-MEI WONG

.... years in college. I busted my ass, taking full course loads every term and doing summer school every summer. I somehow had a life too.

### Four ...

... parking citations received while at SJSU. The officers at the University Police Department recognize me. I have paid my dues as a productive member of society in fines and community service.

### Nine ...

... hours spent in classes each week, outside of the Daily. I went to all my classes and then sped out of them to go to the Daily. Coming to school for class instead of the newspaper helped remind me that I was studying at a university, not working at a job.

### 21 ...

... years old. Yes, I will be graduating at age 21 on May 28, and then turning 22 four days later. Believe me, I did have a life outside of school and the newspaper.

### 60 ...

... hours spent each week at the Spartan Daily this semester.

I really did have a life.

Somehow, I managed to volunteer at a Chinese school and help out with my fellowship as well. And I earned a rank in Shotokan Karate.

With my full schedule, that's probably how I've managed to go through three PDAs in three and a half years.

### Infinite ...

... hours of sleep that have eluded me. I'll be off to catch some Z's, finally.

Ling-Mei Wong is the Spartan Daily opinion editor. This is the final appearance of "View from the East."

ADAM THE BEAVER

NICK SCOTT



## THE SCRATCHING POST

# Attack of chain e-mails annoys, angers and frustrates receiver

The first thing that I do when I wake up in the morning before anything else is rush to my computer.

Like a child eager to open presents on Christmas Day, I hurry to the desk that serves as a throne for my favorite form of communication, the laptop.

I hit the little silver button with glee, signaling to my laptop that yet another day has arrived bright with prospects of new ideas and stimulating conversations.

Gone are the days of picking up the telephone and dialing the digits to tell those loved ones near and far of the events of the day or to be on the receiving end of the jingle that begins an update on life.

Instead, my fingers rush through the entry gates of logins and passwords to uncover what has happened or receive the latest picture of a friend's newborn, a good joke or daily news.

Life is good. But then it happens.

The cursor double-clicks on an e-mail and up pops the dreaded message.

Chain mail.

As I read down the e-mail through the pleasant pleas and warm wishes of hope, tears begin to form only to be violently dried by the threat of death if I do not send this message to at least five people.

Bad luck is looming around the corner.

How could something sent with love and thoughtfulness be so deceiving?

What am I suppose to do with a message such as this?

Should I succumb to the pressure and thoughts of having to endure a life as if I had broken a thousand mirrors?

I did for a while and would grudgingly obey and send the chain mail out to the requested amount of people in hopes of prolonging my luck a day longer.

Then, one day, I decided to fight back.

I was not going to let an unauthorized chain mail dig its evil claws in me for another minute more.

I took drastic measures and pushed the button. Delete, delete, delete.

By deleting these messages, I do not mean to of-

fend those sending the vile chain mail to me, but only to serve as a silent attack on the one who crafted such a deceit.

The authors of these e-mails cannot play such games as if they are all knowing.

A war must be waged and these wolves in lambs' clothing must be stopped from manufacturing these chain mail messages a minute more.

It cannot be done alone, and so, in my last column as a Daily Staff member, I beg you, please do not send anymore chain mail. Stop the madness.

I have survived the delete and am evidence that good things happen to good

people. I mean, heck, I am graduating this semester.

Bad luck has not left a shroud over my day-to-day events: those living in fear of the threat that if they do not forward that chain mail message then they will be clothed in bad luck, fear not, consider yourselves free.

Free to delete those wretched e-mails and create your own masterpieces of well-wishes and cheer.

Instead of exerting that energy to forward those five people and potentially torture them with the guilt of deleting a message that you sent them with love, delete the message and break the cycle.

Good fortune is what you make of it, not what happens if you follow the wishes of a chain mail.



CATHERINE BURMEISTER

*I was not going to let an unauthorized chain mail dig its evil claws in me for another minute more.*

Catherine Burmeister is a Spartan Daily production editor. This is the final appearance of "The Scratching Post."

## SPARTA GUIDE

Sparta Guide is provided free of charge to students, faculty and staff members. The deadline for entries is noon three working days before the desired publication date. Entry forms are available in the Spartan Daily office in Dwight Bentel Hall, room 209. Entries can also be e-mailed to spartandaily@cas.sjsu.edu titled "Sparta Guide." Space restrictions may require editing of submissions. Entries are printed in the order in which they are received.

### TODAY

#### School of Art and Design

An art exhibition featuring student galleries will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Art building. For more information, call the gallery office at 924-4330.

#### Counseling Services

A GBTQQI group meeting will take place from noon to 1:20 p.m. in Counseling Services of the Student Services Center. For more information, call 924-5910.

#### Catholic Campus Ministry

Daily Mass will take place at 12:10 p.m. in the Catholic Campus Ministry chapel. For more information, call Father Mike Carson at 938-1610.

#### Department of Television, Radio, Film and Theatre

The Kaucher/Mitchell Competition For Excellence In Oral Interpretation will take place at 7 p.m. in the Hal Todd Theatre of Hugh Gillis Hall. For more information, call Ramon Johnson at 275-6524.

### SATURDAY

#### 90.5 FM KSJS and Associated Students

The 25th Metro Fountain Blues Festival will take place from 12:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. next to the A.S. House. For more information, call Ted Gehrke at 924-6262.

#### Friends of the King Library

A book sale will take place from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in front of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library. Books will be \$1 for each hardcover book and

50 cents for each paperback book. All proceeds support library programs.

### SUNDAY

#### Catholic Campus Ministry

Mass will take place at noon and 5 p.m. in the Catholic Campus Ministry chapel.

#### Friends of the King Library

A book sale will take place from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in front of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library. Books will cost \$5 for as many as you can fit into a bag provided. All proceeds support library programs.

### MONDAY

#### Counseling Services

An emotion management group meeting will take place from 1 p.m. to 2:20 p.m. in Counseling Services of the Student Services Center. For more information, call 924-5910.

### TUESDAY

#### Phi Alpha Theta

A meeting will take place at 3 p.m. in room 135 of Dudley Moorhead Hall.

#### Student Health Center

The Student Health Center will be closed May 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The health center will be closed from May 25 to May 27, but the pharmacy will remain open during these days. The pharmacy will be closed from June 1 to about August 19, but the health center will be open in the summer.

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## CSU, student teaching assistants make deal

LONG BEACH (AP) — The union representing teaching assistants and other academic student employees has reached agreement with California State University officials.

The tentative agreement, announced Thursday, comes after seven months of bargaining between CSU and the California Alliance of Academic Student Employees/United Auto Workers (CAASE/UAW).

It is the first contract for the 6,000 students working as teaching associates, graduate assistants, and

instructional student assistants.

Details of the three-year agreement were to be released after ratification by CAASE/UAW members and the CSU Board of Trustees.

"This is a historic agreement for academic student employees at CSU," Raymond Wight, a CAASE/UAW Bargaining Committee member and instructional student assistant at San Diego State University, said in a statement. "It brings tangible benefits for our members and lays the foundation for future collective bargaining negotiations with the CSU."

## FOSTER - Lectured on energy politics

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accounting firms such as Chase, Citigroup, J.P. Morgan and Arthur Andersen.

"I was thinking about what to do after I retire (from Southern California Edison) and I thought teaching might be a good idea," Foster said.

Foster also said he felt he could afford five or six trips from Long Beach to San Jose to help Gerston with his lectures.

Gerston said after renewing their friendship from graduate school, he was looking forward to having Foster talk to his classes.

"He is very knowledgeable about energy politics, he was able to share his insight of these controversial times," Gerston said.

Wednesday was Foster's final lecture to the class and he spoke about the future of energy.

He was first presented with a plaque from this class as a token of thanks for his participation in the lectures.

His lecture touched on topics that ranged from alternative fuels to gasoline and natural gas.

He also shared his experiences of what it was like to run a power plant and how it can be a demanding job in having to oversee all the employees in the company, stave off potential scandals, such as Enron, and to keep the company honest.

He ended the lecture with the thought that there will be an alternative solution to today's problem of increasing gas prices.

He also added that energy efficiency is important and should continue to be a top priority for

California.

A few of Gerston's students shared their thoughts afterwards of what it was like to have Foster lecture for the class.

**"I think it was a really good opportunity. You have an inside look at what you're studying."**  
**Lisa Canto,**  
**student**

Rose said.

## Chinese officials visit campus

### Delegates arrive from Jinan for exchange program

By Vaishali Kirpekar  
Daily Staff Writer

Yongbin Yang, a Chinese government official, who is part of a Jinan delegation taking the short-term executive course at San Jose State University, described the Jinan Province in detail to a political science class while waiting to interact with some members of this delegation two weeks ago.

Yang, the vice director of administration of the Jinan Development and Reform Commission, was the translator for the group that included Zhou Hongyan, the vice president of the Jinan Press Association and Kathy Zhang Jing, the vice chairwoman of the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade Jinan subcommittee.

Also accompanying the group was Alex Huang, secretary general of the U.S.-China Exchange Council that organizes the exchange program in alliance with SJSU's International and Extended Studies.

Huang kept taking photographs to capture the classroom interaction as Yang busied himself translating questions posed by students to his Chinese counterparts in the one-hour meeting.

This informal meeting was arranged and coordinated by Kathryn Wood, a political science professor, to provide her students a direct exposure to some of the diverse key issues of China, such as economy and culture.

The group members introduced themselves and Wood provided a brief background of the 3,100-years-old city of Jinan,

which is located in the mid-west of the Shandong province.

Questions asked by the audience, which included 25 students of international relations, ranged from key topics, such as private enterprises, foreign-invested companies, social and cultural norms and education, to mundane subjects that helped them understand the standard of living in China, such as interest on credit cards and tariffs on cars.

Yang explained that the same car brands cost more in China, compared to their prices in the United States.

For example, the same Japanese Corolla, costs 50 percent more in China, because of the import tax and manufacturer's tariff," Yang said.

Yang tried to give descriptive answers by discussing questions with his counterparts.

He informed the students and said 80 percent of all companies in Jinan are private enterprises.

Some students said this meeting was a good exposure to a different culture.

"It is rare to get perspective from older people from a different country, which can help you

to think about the same issue with a different outlook," said Colleen Callahan, a junior majoring in psychology.

Sarah Lubecki, a junior majoring in political science, also agreed, "It is important to know what the Chinese government officials think, because China is a major growing economy."

The only hitch, they noted, was the Chinese group's heavy accent. Lubecki and Callahan, like their classmates Joel Bridgeman

and Allison Jochim, said that sometimes the group could not understand their questions because of the language barrier.

Jochim, a senior majoring in graphic design, took a more understanding approach and said that in spite of the accent problem, she liked this interaction.

"I appreciate the group's interest in answering bold questions on sensitive topics, such as China's one child policy," Jochim said. "The policy is a way to control the population growth, which is a sensitive topic that Yang did not shy away from answering. He felt the policy would work well."

Yang said he plans to apply SJSU training in his department back home.

Wood kept rephrasing the questions to help the group answer the students' questions. "What can Americans learn from China?" or "What do you think China can offer to America?" she asked.

Yang replied with assertion that communication between the two countries is important.

"It could help if people know that China is changing, becoming more open minded," he said.

"China has a rich history and cultural traditions of a joint family, taking care of the elderly."

Wood also invited another Chinese delegation studying the executive program at SJSU for a similar discussion on May 5.

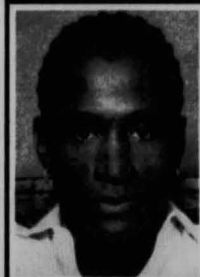
Peter Sterlacci, SJSU director of the International Leadership Programs, International and Extended Studies, said the Chinese delegation of 31 members arrived March 3, for a six-month executive training program, a noncredit course of 120 hours of academic lectures that offers internships.

"This year, we will have trained 180 Chinese government officials since 2002," Sterlacci said.

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**"It could help if people know that China is changing, becoming more open minded."**  
**Yongbin Yang,**  
**vice director of Jinan development**

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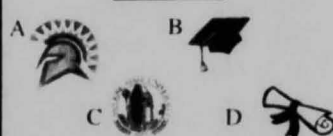
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# Shortstop shoots for spot in the big leagues

By Angela Forte  
Daily Staff Writer

Anthony Contreras, shortstop for the San Jose State University baseball team, is best known for his humility and team leadership.

A senior majoring in sociology, Contreras, who just broke the record for consecutive games with a hit, has spent four seasons with the Spartans.

This season, Contreras, also known as "Ace" by his teammates, was voted team captain by his teammates.

Contreras said leadership to him means leading the team by performance and example.

"I'm not a loud type," Contreras said. "I don't give speeches before and after the game and I'm not into myself — I'm all about the team's success."

Branden Dewing, a pitcher for the Spartans, said he considers Contreras to be the best team leader at SJSU.

"He gets along with the guys on and off the field and teammates look forward to hanging out with him," Dewing said.

Contreras, who has been playing baseball since the age of 4, said his parents have always been supportive of his endeavors, whether they involve baseball or not.

Nate Clark, an outfielder for the Spartans, said Contreras is humble.

"Contreras never wants to take credit for the things he does for the team — he doesn't gloat, nor is he selfish," Clark said.

Contreras said he got into baseball when he was young because of the love his family had for the game.

Contreras said his father would train him on his days off.

"My dad was never too demanding, nor did he put pressure on me — if I played poorly, he would never get mad," Contreras said.

Contreras said prior to college, he dabbled into basketball, soccer and football.

A 2001 graduate of Piedmont Hills High School, Contreras said he played football for the school, but mainly focused on baseball.

Contreras received Most Valuable Player award in his senior year in high school.

When arriving at SJSU, Contreras said he was excited to play with good players.

"My expectations for college baseball were exactly what I thought they were going to be," Contreras said. "All players are good, so I knew I had to fight for my position, which made me more committed to the game."

Contreras said he enjoyed his first year on the team, noting it one of his best baseball experiences.

"As a freshman, my team and I went to regionals, set a bunch of records and truly enjoyed playing the game," Contreras said. "The whole time, I kept thinking that I was playing for SJSU to ultimately get to the championships — like the ones you see on ESPN."

Sam Piraro, head baseball coach of the Spartan baseball team, said Contreras learned so much since his freshman year.

"Development is the first word that comes to mind when I think of Anthony," said Piraro. "His statistics are impressive and they are a lot of things he has done to receive that opportunity."

As a freshman, Piraro said, Contreras was impatient at the plate because he was always swinging at the first pitch.

"I was very upset that he swung at every pitch," Piraro said. "He is a good athlete with good hand-eye coordination, so all I wanted him to do was to be more patient."

Piraro said Contreras eventually earned to swing at a pitch he really liked.

"He tailored his aggressiveness into intelligent aggressiveness," Piraro said.

Piraro also said Contreras is a shortstop who is very consistent, has an accurate throwing arm and plays well under pressure — a compliment he said he



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Spartan senior shortstop Anthony Contreras is in his final season with the San Jose State University baseball team and leads the team with a batting average of .375. Contreras is hoping to be drafted by a Major League Baseball team to continue his baseball career.

doesn't give out often.

"He is a solid kid and to me is considered to be one of the best players on the team," Piraro said.

Piraro said Contreras was voted best defensive player on the team last year and will be very surprised if he is not voted Most Valuable Player this year.

Clark said Contreras is an excellent player who has improved significantly since he has known him.

"He is a dominant (Division-I) player who puts in a lot of hard work and dedication," Clark said.

Contreras said with Piraro's help, along with other

coaches, he has become a better player during his junior and senior years.

Contreras said Piraro has asked him to show the younger players how things need to be done on the team.

"I, along with other senior players are now setting examples to make sure the baseball program remains strong," Contreras said.

Contreras said he still has a lot to learn.

"They continually give me insight all the time and tell me what I am doing right and wrong," Contreras said.

Andrea Contreras, Contreras' younger sister, said her brother has improved his playing techniques over time.

"He has always been humble when praised for his efforts and tries to keep all the attention away from him," Andrea said.

Piraro said Contreras is not only receptive to his coaching and advice, but is always genuine and sincere about accepting it.

"Contreras is willing to change and not afraid to step out of his comfort zone," Piraro said.

As graduation nears for Contreras in December, Contreras said he hopes to get selected from the minor league drafts.

"The draft is June 5 and hopefully I will get chosen to go straight to the minors," Contreras said.

Contreras said after the minors, he gets a shot to play in the major leagues.

"I'm not picky, just grateful for any team that I can play for," Contreras said.

Andrea said she and her family hope Contreras gets drafted next year, but they won't be disappointed if he doesn't make it.

Dewing, Contreras' teammate, said he thinks Contreras has a future in baseball beyond college.

"I can't exactly say what he'll do or where he'll be, but he'll do something with baseball," Dewing said. Clark, a teammate of Contreras, said he thinks Contreras has a strong chance to be drafted.

"There is no doubt that he'll get drafted," Clark said. "Everybody loves Ace and knows that he is quite the leader."

For now, Contreras said he is enjoying the season and attempting to keep low key about his success.

"I am real humble," Contreras said. "For example, when team members say, 'You're about to break a record,' I don't pay much attention — I try to stay out of the spotlight."

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Pellegrini said.

"I hope I was elected as an endorsement of my expressed intent to initiate a formalized approach to acknowledge and encourage efforts with important implications for the advancement of global peace, freedom, health, social justice and protection of the planet's natural environment," Pellegrini said.

Bob Cooper, associate vice president of undergraduate studies, has known Pellegrini for 18 years and speaks very highly of him. "Pellegrini is well known for his scholarship and for his support of WPA in many roles, but I think it is his many years of mentoring

students and helping them participate in the activities of WPA, including presenting papers at the annual meeting, that makes him most deserving of this honor," Cooper said.

Pellegrini was elected for a three-year term and said he has goals he aims to put into action.

"My primary goals for the organization will be to enliven its annual conventions with evocative presentations, which will appeal to a wide range of both professional and lay audiences," Pellegrini said. "And to broaden WPA's funding base by advancing the private sector program."

Pellegrini also plans to initiate mentoring opportunities for students and colleagues who are in the early

stages of their careers, he said. The mentoring would be done by accomplished WPA members in their particular fields, Pellegrini said.

He said he will also try to make the organization more visible in the media by creating a Web site database where people can find referrals for commentary from experts and other services.

"Under Dr. Pellegrini's leadership, we can expect the association to engage in a more diverse set of activities, including application to social issues," said psychology Professor Kevin Jordan. "We can also expect the format of the annual meeting to reflect that more diverse set of activities. I am looking forward to his leadership, passion, and energy and

the impact on our association," Jordan has known Pellegrini for almost 21 years, and has been able to have him as a role model.

"Dr. Pellegrini is a passionate leader, teacher and scholar," Jordan said. "His passion defines him. It drives him to be productive and, most importantly, to make psychology relevant to our lives as individuals and as individuals living in the larger society."

Pellegrini has taken psychology outside the classroom. Jordan said Pellegrini has shown that psychology is a crucial matter outside the classroom doors.

He has put psychology into the prisons and into personal relationships and has been able to make a difference, Jordan said.

Pellegrini said he takes pride in his work with the minority educational outreach. He has been a part of this work since the start of his career.

"Pellegrini has many admirable attributes but his positive attitude, enthusiasm and optimism are what I find most salient," Cooper said. "I think these are the characteristics that have made him an outstanding classroom teacher and an effective mentor."

Cooper believes Pellegrini was elected because of what he could bring to the position. He has a long resume of achievements and a history with the WPA, Cooper said.

"WPA is a scholarly organization that seeks and also integrates students, both undergraduate and

graduate, into its activities," Cooper said. "Bob's career as a researcher, a teacher and a department chair has prepared him to support all of the constituencies in WPA."

Pellegrini said he is extremely honored to be able to be in this position. He said he is more than welcome to take on the responsibility to represent the members of the WPA.

"I had the good fortune of growing my own life as a faculty member at SJSU, where I was energized and inspired by extraordinary colleagues and students from the very first day here," Pellegrini said. "I could not be more proud of the university and educational system within which I had the opportunity to live out my career."

**FORUM - San Diego State, Fresno State have similar, higher fees***continued from page 1*

contacted by Kassing in relation to this change, Kassing said. Several groups have expressed support for the plan, while few others have opposed. Among the group in agreement is the Academic Senate Executive Committee, the Campus Fee Advisory Committee and the current Associated Students Board of Directors.

Groups that don't agree with the increase include most notably, the incoming A.S. board.

"The reason we didn't support this fee is essentially because it's a fee and we were opposed to any unnecessary fees in our platform," said Alberto Gutierrez, A.S. president-elect. "Although we can see the benefit of this plan, we feel our values and loyalty to the students was more important than our own personal convenience of being on the good side of the president."

However, despite this, the board admits the importance athletics gives the university and its student life programs. Many members were even in support of the increase to begin with, Gutierrez said.

"Our decision to not support this was not unanimous. It was a split vote," Gutierrez said. "I guess this is a great part of our group. They come from different parts of the campus with different backgrounds. It gives us a different scope. This isn't an issue with athletics specifically. It just came down to the fact that we're looking out for the benefit of the campus community."

Some feel, however, that students are missing the point of this increase, Kassing said, as it is essentially giving money back to the academic programs at the university, Bowen said.

"All pieces to this are critical. The support comes from a shared governance," Bowen said. "From that perspective, I think (athletics) will be a successful and consistent program."

Shared governance is something Bowen is highly focused on, as he points out he and mem-

bers of a specific team are dedicated to finding private funds to assist in the athletic program as well, Bowen said.

"The real pressure falls on the Spartan alumni, the Spartan Foundation and the athletic revenue programs," Bowen said. "The Spartan Foundation is challenged like students to find resources for the money. They're saying 'What? We have never done this before.' It's really a win-win situation in the long term. However, I realize it's an uneasy topic in the immediate future."

Members participating in the forum also expressed concern regarding the graduation rate of athletes in these programs, asking whether this money would go toward the assurance that they would graduate at higher levels.

Kassing pointed out the programs installed by Bowen and various other coaches. Two programs included Bowen's "The Next 100 Days" plan and football head coach Dick Tomey's "Operation

Graduation," each used to combat this problem.

"The money is not brought into the sports. It goes to the school," Stevenson said. "(Athletes) are putting their bodies on the line with the possibility that they won't graduate. No matter what, the school is making a profit."

Bowen also pointed out that the athletic department in place today is far different from the one a year ago.

"We don't look anything like we did in 2003-04. We don't look like it, sound like it, or act like it," Bowen said. "I'm here to create an athletic product that affects the institution. I'm here to create a business in order to benefit the university."

The new fee will place SJSU among the ranks with other universities that share many similarities. Schools such as San Diego State, Boise State, University of Nevada, Utah State and Fresno State all have similar fees that are considerably higher than the one imple-

mented at SJSU, Kassing said.

Currently, San Diego State charges a fee of \$75 per semester, Cal State Sacramento charges \$150 per semester and Cal Poly State San Luis Obispo, which is a Division-1AA school, charges \$50 a quarter, Kassing said.

The hope is to cut back on "body bag" games, which are high guarantee games that force the football team to partake in games they are expected to lose, for a high financial return. Also, the new athletic department hopes to continue recruiting quality athletes and prove success to those investing in the program and the rest of the student body.

"It will create a very positive external view for San Jose State," Bowen said.

"It brings activity to the university, the public is aware of the university and new students are curious about coming to San Jose State. It will highly encourage more students to come and be part of this university."

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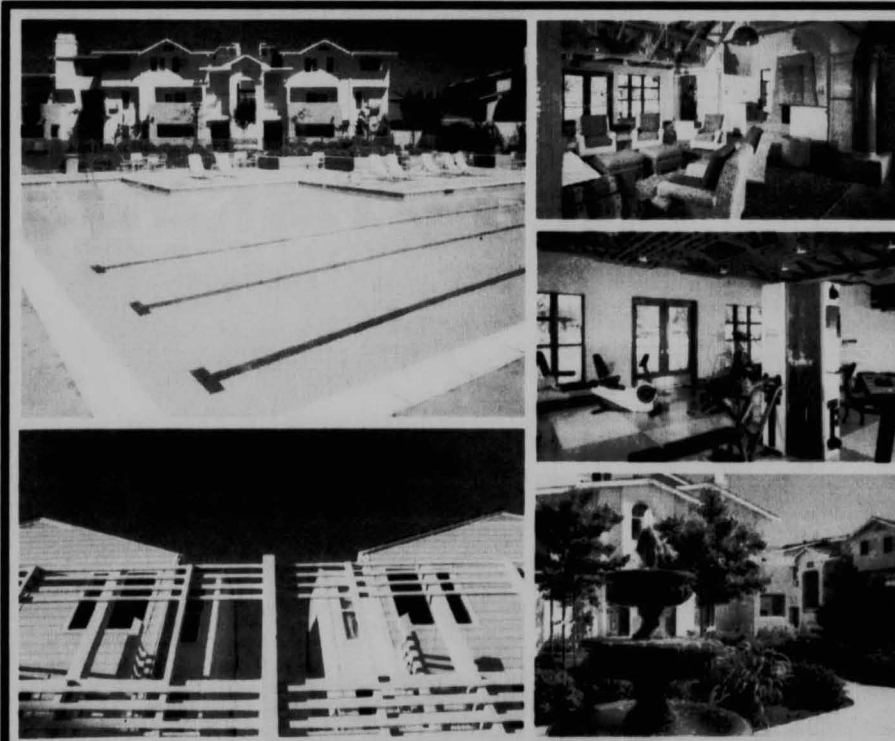
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